

Step-by-Step Guide to Complete the 2019 EPAP Application on USAJOBS.gov (Part II)

PART II addresses how EPAP applicants can apply to the EPAP vacancy announcement when it becomes live. The application will require that EPAP applicants transfer their resume and application documents from USAJOBS site to the Gateway to State site where, additionally, EPAP applicants will need to answer two sets of questions ("Eligibility" and "Vacancy") and ultimately select the position(s) they want to apply for.

EPAP Program Details

For details on the program, including required documents to submit with your application, please carefully review the Check List posted on www.state.gov/flo/epap.

Appointment Eligible Family Members (AEFM per 3 FAM 7120) applying for any of the advertised EPAP positions for the 2019 spring/summer/early fall positions (**April 15 – 28, 2019**), must submit an application, including required documents via www.usajobs.gov by the closing date and time of the vacancy announcement.

This document provides tips and details on how to navigate the USAJobs site and complete your application.

Please note: Screenshots are subject to change. We have done our best to reflect the most up-to-date information as it relates to this year's EPAP application process on USAJobs.

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EPAP Related Webinars

Using USAJOBS webinar covers creating an account, logging into USAJOBS, setting up your USAJOBS profile, and searching for positions on USAJOBS.

Qualify on Paper webinar explains how to create a Federal Resume that fits the EPAP qualification standards into your application.

PART II: HOW TO APPLY TO THE "LIVE" VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Once the vacancy goes live, you will be able to click on "Apply." This will lead you to a new screen with 26 "Eligibility" questions followed by another screen with 22 "Vacancy" questions. The eligibility questions are being pre-populated with your initial answers from your USAJOBS profile, however, those answers are geared toward civil service positions because USAJOBS is mainly designed to advertise civil service positions.

The "vacancy" questions will mainly help the regional bureau's HR specialists determine your eligibility for an EPAP position.

Vacancy announcement | Important points

The vacancy announcement will go live on www.usajobs.gov at 12:01 a.m. (Eastern Time) on April 15th and close on April 28th at 11:59 p.m. (Eastern Time). If you have not subscribed to the automatic notification service, search "EPAP" under USAJOBS.gov to find the announcement as of April 15, 2019.

VERY IMPORTANT: NOTE THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT CLARIFICATION

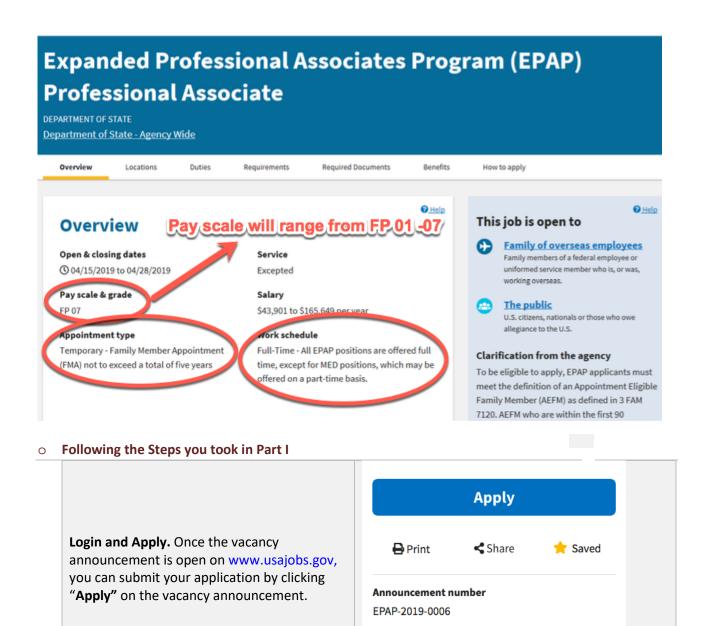
• LOCATION – Although USAJOBS indicates "Department of State Posts – Overseas and Domestic, United States, many vacancies," EPAP Professional Associate positions are only available at U.S. Missions abroad.

- WORK SCHEDULE All EPAP positions are full time, except for MED positions, which may be offered
 on a part-time basis.
- APPOINTMENT TYPE The hiring mechanism is the Family Member Appointment (FMA). An FMA is not a "permanent" appointment and "temporary" in this case means that the family member appointment cannot exceed 5 years. See 3 FAM 7120 definition of FMA.
- PAY SCALE AND GRADE The series and grade level indicates only FP-07, however, the actual grades range from FP-07 to FP-01.

The 2019 Qualification Standards posted on www.state.gov/flo/epap list the possible grade range for each EPAP position. Additionally, the lists of advertised positions posted in this vacancy announcement (also available under the section "How to Apply") indicate the possible grade levels at which individual positions may be offered.

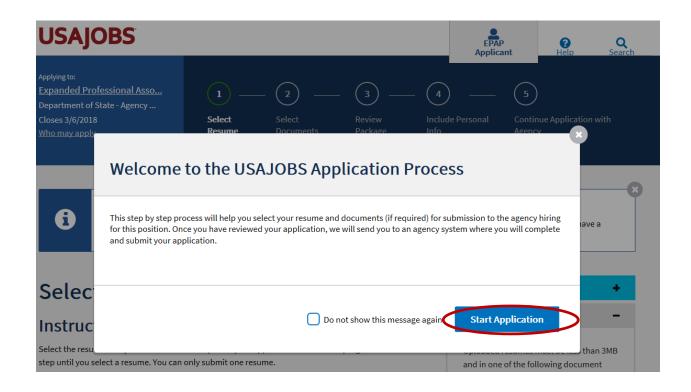
Salary/grade level will be determined at the time an offer of employment is made by a HR Specialist based on the advertised grade(s) of the position and the individual's ability to meet the education and professional or specialized experience requirements listed for each grade.

- THIS JOB IS OPEN TO FAMILY OF OVERSEAS EMPLOYEES "to be eligible to apply, EPAP applicants must meet the definition of an Appointment Eligible Family Member (AEFM) as defined in 3 FAM 7120." Refer to the EPAP home page "eligibility" section.
- 90-DAY RULE: current FMA-employed and PSA-employed applicants must wait 90 calendar days before applying for other jobs in the Mission. Applicants who are within the first 90 calendar days of an FMA appointment or a PSA shall not be considered for any advertised vacancies. They are deemed "Not Eligible" regardless of their qualification or skills. There are two exception to this rule: Applicants are eligible to apply for positions within the first 90 calendar days of their employment if they are:
 - o Current FMA employed hired on a temporary appointment; or
 - Current PSA-employed hired on intermittent/When Actually Employed work schedule"
- BACKGROUND CHECK AND SECURITY CLEARANCE the list of advertised positions posted in this vacancy announcement under Question 16.1 indicate the level of security clearance required for each individual position.



You will need to use login.gov to login to your account. Follow the instructions. Please remember that if you do not have access to your phone to login, you may use your personal key instead. Please refer to Step-by-Step Guide to USAJobs Account sign-in.

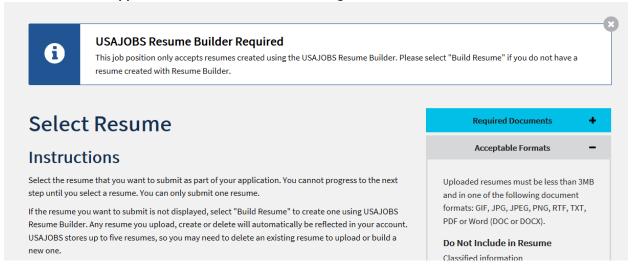
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1. Select your USAJOBS resume and documents

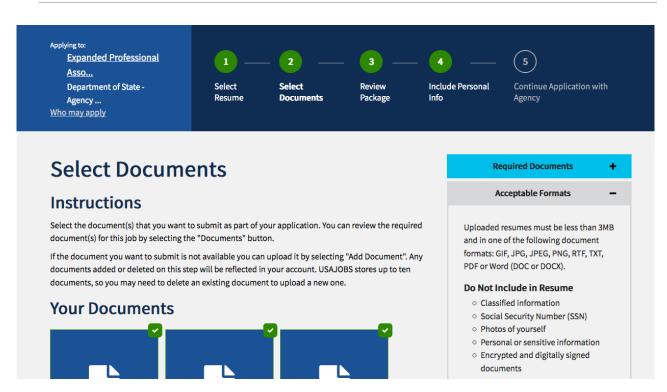
o Resume:

Click on "Start Application." You will see the following screen:



Select the USAJOBS resume you created by clicking on your EPAP resume icon. You <u>can only select</u> <u>one resume</u> which should demonstrate you meet all the qualification requirements listed for the position(s) to which you are applying. Save and continue as indicated at the bottom of the screen.

Ocuments:



Select any required documents you have saved in your USAJOBS account to be attached to your application. You will be able to select these by checking the upper right corner of the document. Click on "Save and Continue."

If you have not saved these documents to your USAJOBS account, you will be able to upload them from your computer to the "Gateway to State" site when you complete your application.

VERY IMPORTANT: Saving documents to your USAJOBS account does not automatically upload them to your EPAP application when you enter the State Application site. You will have to follow this process when you complete your application on line.

Select Documents

Instructions

Select the document(s) that you want to submit as part of your application. You can review the required document(s) for this job by selecting the "Documents" button.

If the document you want to submit is not available you can upload it by selecting "Add Document". Any documents added or deleted on this step will be reflected in your account. USAJOBS stores up to ten documents, so you may need to delete an existing document to upload a new one.

Your Documents



Document Guidance

If you do not yet have your TM1, please ask that it be expedited for the EPAP deadline. You will not be able to complete your application for EPAP positions without some kind of orders. Applicants must provide some official documents (or a combination of documents) that provide the required information:

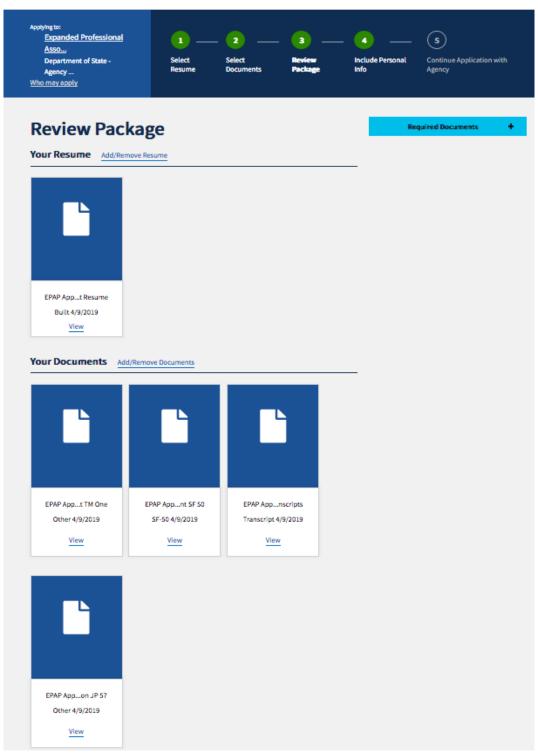
- Spouse's name
- Sponsoring agency
- o The post of assignment at where they are applying
- Applicant's name listed as a dependent

Please contact <u>FLOAskEPAP@state.gov</u> for further assistance.

You may go back and add required document until you can complete the rest of your application. You need however to ensure that these documents are uploaded with your application before **the vacancy announcement closes at 11:59 pm ET**.

o Review package

Once you have selected your USAJOBS resume and documents you want to attach, you will see the following screen:



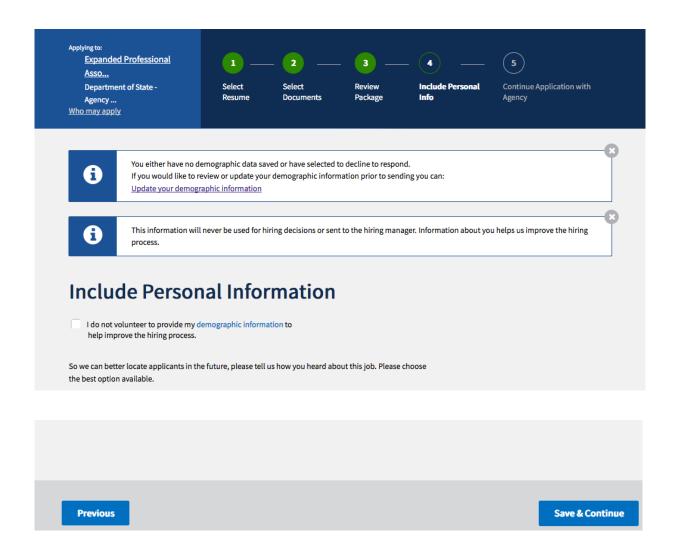
In addition to the list of required/optional document detailed in the vacancy announcement, you may also find the same list under the icon "Required documents" (see above screen shot, on the right).

Once verified, click on "I acknowledge that I have reviewed my resume and documents" and then on "Save and Continue"

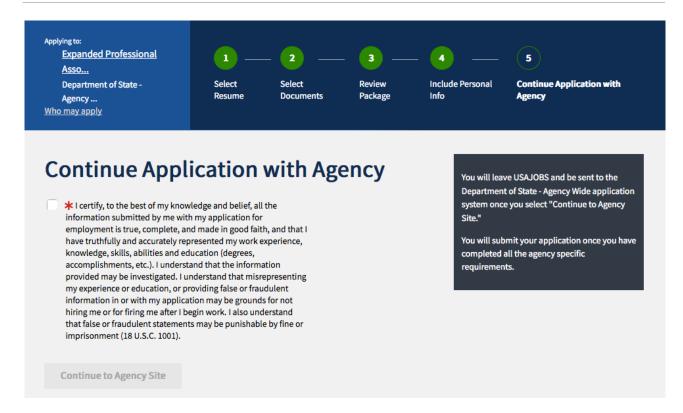


o Provide demographic data (optional)

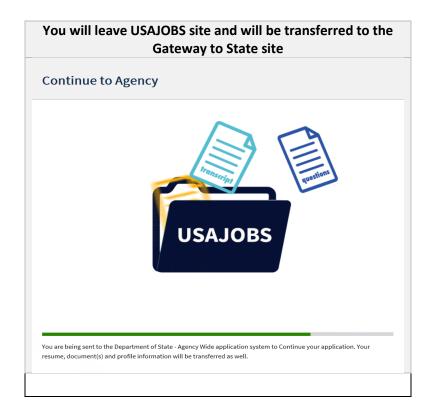
You'll be asked to provide Personal Information. As indicated below, you may opt to decline.



2. Transfer your application from USAJOBS to the State Application Site



Certify by checking the box and confirm by clicking on "Continue Application with Agency".



3. Gateway to State Site

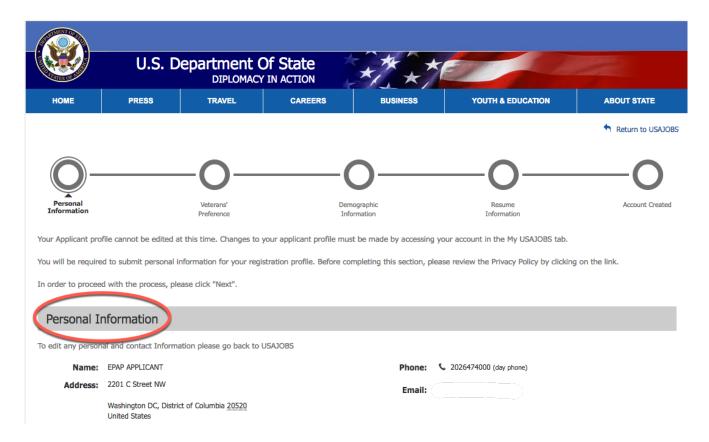
Answer personal | veteran | demographic questions and create your State Application Site's account

NOTE: If you are not directed to the Gateway to State site, refresh or check your browser settings and/or try a different browser to access the portal.

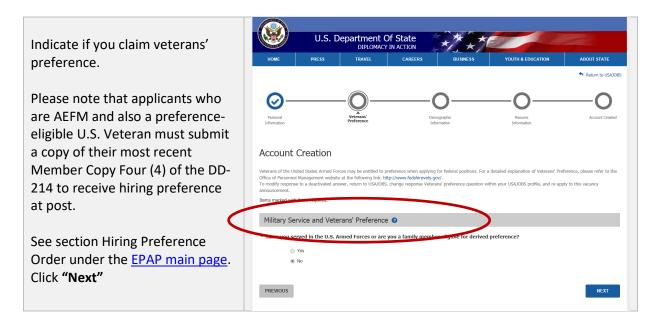
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o Provide additional information

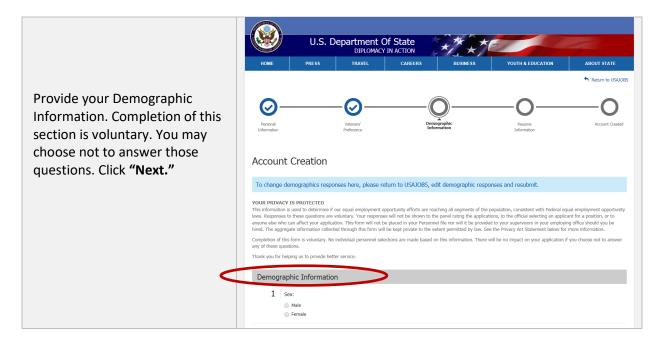
Provide your personal information. Some part of the below form will be pre-populated based on the information you provided in your USAJOBS profile.



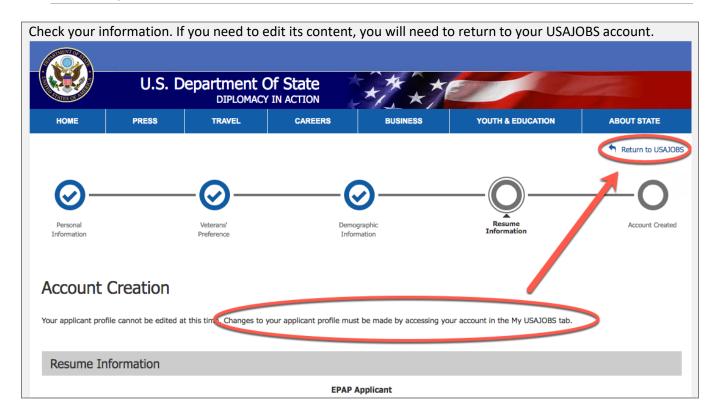
Answer questions about veteran eligibility (if applicable)



o Answer demographic questions (optional)



Check your Account Information



NOTE:

If you decide to stop in the middle of your application without clicking on "Apply to this Vacancy" you will be able to return to your application in process by locating the EPAP vacancy announcement and updating your application.



Account Creation

Effective immediately, the Department of State (DOS) has elected to utilize the USAJOBS applicant notification feature that will eliminate all correspondence from DOS. With this policy modification, you will receive status updates on your application(s) from USAJOBS only. It is important to the Department that you continue to receive application status updates. To do so, you must review your notification settings within your USAJOBS profile, https://my.usajobs.gov/Profile to ensure your preferences are appropriate for you to be notified via USAJOBS alert.

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Please read the important steps below and take the appropriate action. Failure to do so will result in you losing consideration for the job.

- If you are a new user to the Department of States Gateway to State Hiring System you will need to complete the account creation pages before you can apply to any vacancy posting. Your account information from USAJOBS will be pre-populated for you where applicable.
- If you encounter an error while creating or updating your applicant profile, carefully read the error message to find out what is wrong then click the "BACK" button on your browser to complete the updating process.
- If this is NOT your first time applying for a vacancy announcement in Gateway to State, please take a few minutes to review and update the answers to your user information questions by clicking on the side navigation button, My Account, on the left-hand side of the application. To apply to the vacancy announcement you selected, please click on the side navigation button Apply to Your Vacancy on the upper left-hand side of the screen.
- If you have arrived at this page to view your application status OR to generate fax cover sheet(s), the next time you apply to a vacancy announcement please be sure to update the answers to your user information questions and upload/update any supporting documentation (i.e., transcripts, Standard Form 50 (SF-50) Notification of Personnel Action, DD-214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty), Performance Appraisal, SF-15 (Application for 10 point Veterans Preference), etc) by clicking on the side navigation button, My Account, on the left-hand side of the application.



Welcome Back, EPAP APPLICANT FLO

You have arrived here from USAJOBS to continue your application.

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If assistance is needed, please contact the Monster Government Solutions (MGS) Helpdesk at 1-866-656-6831 (Monday - Friday 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. EST), except for Federal holidays.

Thank you for your interest in a career with the U.S. Department of State.

Sincerely, U.S. Department of State Human Resources Management Team

APPLY TO THIS VACANCY

4. Answer "Eligibility" and "Vacancy" Questions

Answer eligibility | vacancy questions | review and submit your application

o Eligibility Questions

Once you have clicked on "Apply to the Vacancy", you will need to answer several sets of questions.

The first set of questions will ask about your current or past federal employment. If you are currently working or have previously worked for the federal government, refer to your most recent SF-50 to respond to these questions. If you have questions, contact your HRO (Human Resource Officer) at post or the EPAP Coordinator at FLOAskEPAP@state.gov.

Some of your responses to these questions will be pre-populated based on your responses to the questions answered in your profile.

Answer all the questions that are marked with a red asterisk. **Please note that the 26 questions as seen below are standard questions that are geared toward civil service positions** and which are included in any application done with the Department of State. EPAP positions are not civil service positions but FMAs. HR specialists will determine your eligibility by reviewing your documents and the responses provided under the section "Vacancy" Questions (which includes 22 questions), listed at a later stage in the application.

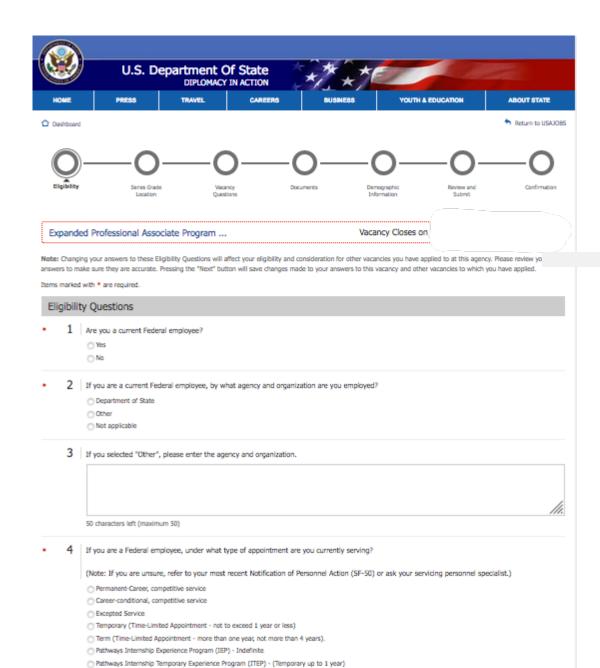
Questions 1 and 2: please note that if you are a current civil service employee, you may apply for an EPAP position as long as you do not have re-employment rights. Re-employment rights and reinstatement rights are different. See OPM definition. If you are listed on your sponsoring employee's orders, you may apply for an EPAP position, however be aware that if you are found qualified and selected, you will need to resign from your civil service position to be appointed/converted into an FMA (see "Vacancy" Questions numbered 3 and 4).

Question 4: if you are currently hired at post under an FMA, please choose 'Excepted Service." Other responses will vary depending on your actual circumstances.

Question 5: see OPM reinstatement definition. Reinstatement only applies to civil service positions, not EPAP positions, which are offered under an FMA.

Question 9: Although this question is not mandatory and asks about the highest-grade level of the civil service employee, please note that EPAP position grades are determined by a combination of education and professional or specialized experience (see 2019 Qualification Standards) and do not offer a grade based on a prior civil service grade. Therefore, applicants must demonstrate they meet or exceed the Qualification Standards minimum requirements for the position/grade to which they apply. Superior Qualification Review will be conducted if the education and experience clearly exceed the requirement attached to each grade. See 3 FAM 8216.3 Superior Qualification Review . Higher Previous Rate may be considered if the applicant previously served in a federal position. See 3 FAM 8216.2 Highest Previous Rate for more information.

Questions 12: this question revolves around non-competitive eligibility (NCE). While you may have earned NCE by working 52 weeks in an FMA, NCE MAY ONLY BE USED TO RE-ENTER THE CIVIL SERVICE WHEN YOU RETURN STATESIDE. IT IS NOT APPLICABLE TO APPLY FOR AN EPAP POSITION.



reinstatement based on career or career-conditional Federal status in the competitive service? (See note below for additional information.)

5 | If you are NOT currently serving in the competitive service as a permanent career or career conditional Federal employee, are you eligible for

Temporary within Department of State AND can be appointed based on my reinstatement OR non competitive eligibility under a special appointing authority.

Term within Department of State AND can be appointed based on my reinstatement OR non competitive eligibility under a special appointing authority. (More than

Excepted Service Appointment within the Department of State AND can be appointed based on my reinstatement OR non competitive eligibility under a special

one-year, not more than 4 years)

appointing authority.

(Time-limited Appointment not to exceed one-year or less).

O Yes

O Not Sure Not applicable

○ No

Not Applicable

'(Note: You must submit with your application a copy of the appropriate SF-50, Notification of Personnel Action that documents your reinstatement eligibility. All documents must be faxed by the closing date of the announcement. See "How to Apply" information on the announcement.)'

*	6	Are you a current Federal employee serving under a Veterans Recruitment Appointment (VRA)?
		(See note below for additional information.)
		○ Yes
		○ No
'(1	lote: If v	ou are unsure, refer to your most recent Notification of Personnel Action (SF-50) or ask your servicing Personnel Specialist. A copy of your DD-214, Certificate of
		scharge from Active Duty and/or other proof of eligibility must be submitted with your application.)'
*	7	Are you a student appointee under the Pathways Internship Program who has completed all requirements for graduation and conversion under the Pathways Internship appointing authority and are within the 120 day period for conversion to term, career, or career-conditional appointment?
		Yes
		○ No
		○ Not Sure
	8	If you are, or ever were, a Federal civilian employee, please indicate pay plan of the highest graded position you held:
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		○ WG
		○ Other
		○ Not Sure
		○ Not applicable
	9	If you are, or ever were, a Federal civilian employee, please indicate the highest grade level (or equivalent) you have ever held.
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	10	If you are, or ever were, a Federal civilian employee, please indicate the dates of the highest graded position you held (MM-YYYYY to MM-YYYYY or
		Present, or NA if Not Applicable):
		(Note: Time-In-Grade restrictions apply in relation to advancement to General Schedule positions of employees in the competitive service.)
		100 characters left (maximum 100)
	11	If you are, or were, a Federal employee who held a permanent position in the competitive service, what is the highest full performance level of that
		position? (Enter NA if Not Applicable)
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		O 12
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		O 14
		○ 15 ○ Not Applicable
*	12	Are you eligible for noncompetitive appointment under a Special Appointing Authority?
		○ Yes
		○ No

*	13	Are you a retiree receiving a Federal annuity, either military or civilian? (Note: If you are an annuitant, your salary or annuity may be reduced upon employment.) Yes No
*	14	Have you accepted a buyout from a Federal agency within the past 5 years? Yes No Not Applicable
*	15	Are you a veteran who is either a preference eligible or been honorably separated from the armed forces after substantially completing three or more years of continuous active service? A veteran who is released under honorable conditions shortly before completing a 3-year tour is also eligible. (See note below for additional information.) Yes No
		res, you will need to submit a copy of your DD-214, Certificate of Release / Discharge from Active Duty or other proof of eligibility. In addition, persons claiming 10-erence must submit a SF-15, Application for 10-point Veteran Preference, plus the proof required by that form.)
*	16	If you are a male at least 18 years of age, born after December 31, 1959, have you registered with the Selective Service System? Yes No Not Applicable
*	17	If you are a male at least 18 years of age, born after December 31, 1959 AND you have NOT registered with the Selective Service System, do you have an approved exemption? (Note: You will be asked to provide a copy of the exemption prior to appointment.) Yes No Not Applicable
*	18	Displaced employee information: (Note: You must submit the appropriate proof of your eligibility to be considered as a displaced employee. All documents must be faxed by the closing date of the announcement. See "How to Apply" information on the announcement.) I am an employee of the Department of State who has been declared surplus or displaced AND I am requesting special selection priority under the Department of State's Career Transition Assistance Plan (CTAP). I am a displaced employee from another Federal agency and eligible for selection preference based on the Interagency Career Transition Assistance Plan (ICTAP). I am not a displaced employee from a Federal Agency.

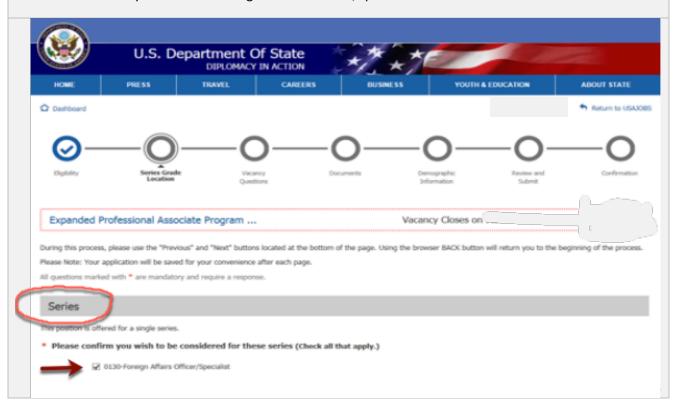
Questions 19 and 20: this question relates to nepotism. Check here for more information.

19	Do you have a relative working for the Agency for which you are applying?
	Yes No
20	If yes to Question 19, please provide the name, relationship, organization in which employed, and location if known.
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* 21	Are you a former employee of the Department of State who is on a Reemployment Priority (RPL) List?
	○ Yes ○ No
* 22	If you are a veteran claiming 5 point preference, did you serve in a campaign or expedition?
	Yes
	○ No
	○ I do not claim 5 point veterans preference
23	If you selected "Yes" above, please provide the name of the campaign or expedition.
	100 characters left (maximum 100)
24	The following information is requested on a voluntary basis and will be used solely in connection with affirmative action obligations and/or efforts. The information attained from the question will be kept confidential and used only in accordance with the Rehabilitation Act. Refusal to provide the information will not subject applicants to any adverse treatment. Are you an individual with an intellectual disability, a severe physical disability, or a psychiatric disability and therefore eligible for a non-competitive appointment in accordance with 5 CFR 213.3102 (u)?
	○ Yes
	○ No
25	Per Section 501 of the Rehabilitation Act, as amended, individuals with disabilities who apply for this position via the Schedule A hiring authority (5 CFR 213.3102(u)) and are referred but not selected, may elect to be considered for other similar positions within the Department of State. Those who opt in below will be considered for positions of the same occupational series and grade level, but potentially in a different Office/Bureau. If you select "YES" to the following, you will be considered for vacancies for a period of up to two years and will be notified if your application is referred.
	○ Yes
	○ No
your elig a U.S. te Columbia	order to be considered eligible for a Schedule A, Persons with Disabilities Appointment, you must submit a copy of your Schedule A letter with your application citing ibility under 5 CFR 213.3102(u) from a licensed medical professional (e.g., a physician or other medical professional duly certified by a State, the District of Columbia, or ritrory, to practice medicine), a licensed vocational rehabilitation specialist (i.e., State or private), or any Federal agency, State agency, or an agency of the District of a or a U.S. territory that issues or provides disability benefits. For more information about Schedule A, Persons with Disabilities Appointments, please visit www.opm.gov/disability/PeopleWithDisabilities.asp.)
and thro	ant: All the information you provide may be verified by a review of the work experience and/or education as shown on your application form, by checking references ugh other means, such as the interview process. Any exaggeration of your experience, false statements, or attempts to conceal information may be grounds for not u, or for firing you after you begin work.
	NEXT
	NEAT

Click "Next."

Confirm the series

Series – There is only one choice: Foreign Affairs Officers/Specialist. Please confirm this choice.



Confirm the grade

There is only one possible grade within this application website system. The actual EPAP position grades are determined by a combination of education and professional or specialized experience as well as each bureau's grade range determination for each individual position.



You must answer Yes otherwise the system will give you the error message below.

1 Validation Error(s)

You must correct the following error(s) before proceeding:

• If you wish to continue the application process, you must apply to at least one grade, and you must select an option for each grade.

Confirm the location

For the location, please refer to Section "Vacancy Announcement - Important Information" (page 2), which explains the available locations. EPAP positions are not offered in Washington DC.

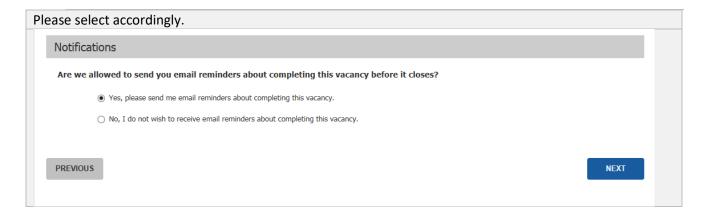
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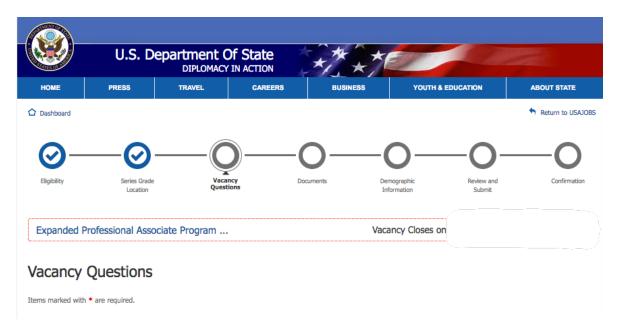
- * Please indicate the locations for which you want to be considered. (Check all that apply.)
 - Washington DC, DC, US

Set up email reminders



Answer "Vacancy" Questions

The final set of 22 questions confirms your eligibility for the program and enables you to indicate for which positions you are applying. Several questions are "branched," meaning you will respond to the initial question in sequence and respond to the sub-parts of the questions once you are prompted.





Question 3 and 4 – Current civil service employees or civil service employees on LWOP are eligible to apply for an EPAP position assuming they meet the following conditions (per <u>3 FAM 7120</u>):

- They do not have re-employment rights;
- If found qualified and selected for an EPAP position, they will need to resign from their civil service position prior to being appointed into an <u>FMA</u>.

All	All Grades Questions NOTE: To be eligible, applicants must meet the definition of an AEFM as outlined in 3 FAM 7120. Questions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 relate to the applicant eligibility.		
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•	1	Are you currently a U.S. citizen? Yes No	
•	2	Are you currently the spouse or same-sex domestic partner (as defined in 3 FAM 1610) of a sponsoring employee? A sponsoring employee (as defined in 3 FAM 7120) is a Direct Hire Foreign Service (FS), Civil Service (CS), or uniformed service member who is or will be assigned (not TDY) to a U.S. mission abroad under Chief of Mission (COM) authority, or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT). Yes No	
•	3	Are you a civil service employee with re-employment rights to your agency or bureau? Please note that if you respond yes to this question, you do not meet the AEFM definition requirement as stated in 3 FAM 7120. You would need to resign from your Civil Service position prior to applying for an EPAP position. Yes No	
•	4	Are you a civil service employee without re-employment rights to your agency or bureau, but on Leave Without Pay (LWOP)? Please note that if you respond yes to this question, you meet the AEFM definition requirement and your application will be reviewed for qualification. However, if you are selected for the position, in order to allow your appointment or conversion to your EPAP position, you will need to resign from your Civil Service position prior to being appointed to the FMA for the EPAP position. Yes No	
•	5	Are you a Foreign Service Generalist or Specialist in Leave Without Pay (LWOP) status? Yes No	
•	6	Are you receiving a U.S. government retirement annuity or pension from a career in the U.S. Foreign Service or Civil Service? Yes No	
•	7	NOTE: if you claim veteran's preference, you must include your most recent Member Copy Four (4) of the DD-214 and any additional supporting documentation. Note that you can only claim once your veteran preference for a position at your current post of assignment. Yes No	
•	8	Are you listed on the sponsoring employee's assignment notification/cable (TM-ONE) or travel orders (TM-FOUR) or approved form OF-126 (Foreign Service Residency and Dependency Report signed by an authorized officer), or other agency equivalent? Yes No	

NOTE: Applicants must include in the uploaded Required Documents file a copy of the sponsoring employee's assignment notification/cable or travel orders or approved form OF-126 listing the post of assignment, date of arrival and the applicant named as a dependent. Applicants will need to provide a copy of their TM-FOUR (or equivalent of orders) the day of the interview.

• 9	Provide the full name (First, Middle, Last) of your sponsoring employee.		
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• 10	Provide your sponsoring employee's agency (select one):		
	Centers for Disease Control (CDC)		
	Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA)		
	Department of Homeland Security (DHS)		
	Department of Agriculture/Foreign Agriculture Service (DOA/FAS)		
	Department of Commerce/Foreign Commercial Service (DOC/FCS)		
	Department of Defense (DOD) – includes all military branches		
	Department of Justice (DOJ)		
	Department of State (DOS)		
	Department of Transportation (DOT)		
	Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)		
	Federal Drug Administration (FDA)		
	U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)		
	U.S. Secret Service (USSS)		
	U.S. Trade Representative (USTR)		
	Other		

Questions 11 and 12: This question will help the HR specialist determine if you previously qualified and served in an EPAP position of the same area to which you are applying now.

Excepted for OBO and MED positions, which strictly require the applicant's qualification to be based on education and experience, applicants may seek qualification based on prior service in an EPAP position *in lieu of* education and experience. To qualify for the same EPAP area, the applicant needs to demonstrate successful employment in that EPAP area for 12 months or longer. Please refer to the revised 2019 Qualification Standards for more information.

If this applies to you, please submit your first and final SF-50s and your JF-57 (Employee Performance Review) to document your qualification. See Note to Applicants who previously qualified for EPAP positions as found in our Checklist.

11 A	Are you currently or have you previously worked in an EPAP po	sition?	
	Yes		
	No No		
	f yes, indicate the EPAP position(s) in which you worked. Plea Economics Financial Management General Services Human Resources Management Office Management Political Public Diplomacy IRM	ise select all that apply. (Check all that apply)	
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		they were previously employed. The grade will be determined based on the set	
		nsideration, applicants must submit two SF-50s and the corresponding perform	nance evaluations
that dem	nonstrate a minimum of 12 months of fully successful or better performan	ice in the same EPAP position.	
Make sur	re you include in the uploaded Required Documents file a copy of	f the two SF-50s that demonstrate that you completed 12 or more months in an	n EPAP position
	py of your Employee Performance Report(s) (EPR Form JF-57) that demo		
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* 13		ne position based on the Highest previous rate (HPR) earned on a prior	federal
	government appointment. Do you claim HPR and request the	regional bureau to match your prior salary?	
		regional bureau to match your prior salary? 50s that document you served at least 90 days in a federal position.	

Question 13 Higher Previous Rate may be considered by the regional bureau to match a salary earned in a previous position. See 3 FAM 8216.2 Highest Previous Rate for more information.

*	14	Please select below the regional bureau where your sponsoring employee is or will be assigned.
		AF - Bureau of African Affairs (150000)
		EAP - Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs (130000)
		○ EUR - Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs (120000)
		NEA - Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs (140000)
		SCA - Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs (360000)
		○ WHA - Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs (110000)
*	15	Please list your sponsoring employee's post of assignment.
		fin.
		250 characters left (maximum 250)

Questions 14 and 15: Please note that positions for the Bureau of International Organization are listed under EUR (not shown on the above screenshot). Choose your sponsors bureau to which they are or will be assigned. Follow up questions will allow you to select the position(s) you wish to apply to. Confirm your choice(s) for positions that are offered at the same post.

NOTE: YOU <u>CANNOT BE CONSIDERED</u> FOR A POSITION AT A POST <u>THAT IS DIFFERENT FROM</u> WHERE YOUR SPOUSE IS OFFICIALLY ASSIGNED.

Applying to your sponsor's Bureau:

Question 16 will ask you to identify the bureau in which you will be applying for a position(s).

This question is branched and a new window will open to indicate to which position(s) you are applying only after you have completed the remaining questions of this "Vacancy Questions" section.

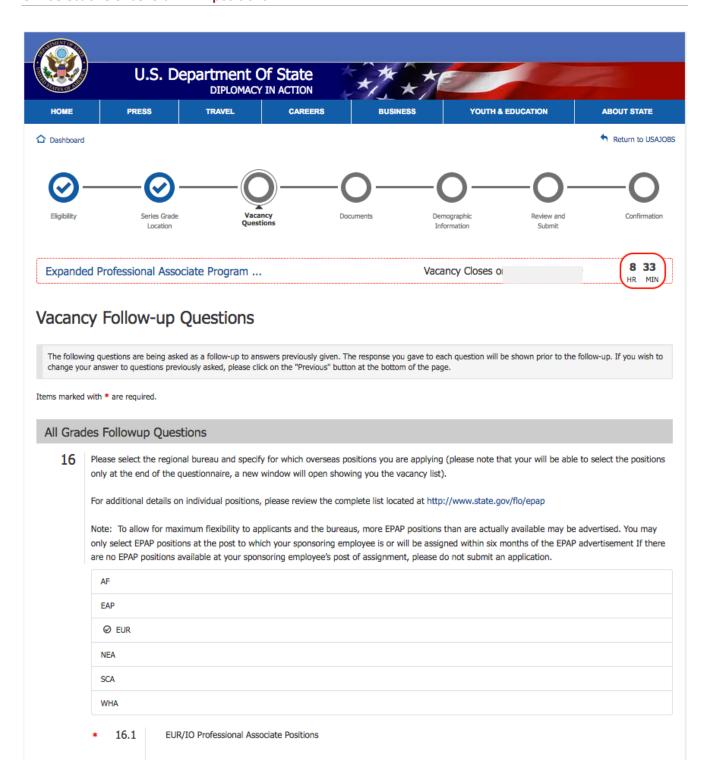
* 16	Please select the regional bureau and specific and specif
	For additional details on individual positions, please review the complete list located at http://www.state.gov/flo/epap
	Note: To allow for maximum flexibility to applicants and the bureaus, more EPAP positions than are actually available may be advertised. You may only select EPAP positions at the post to which your sponsoring employee is or will be assigned within six months of the EPAP advertisement If there are no EPAP positions available at your sponsoring employee's post of assignment, please do not submit an application.
	AF EAP EUR NEA SCA
	○ WHA
* 17	What is the Entry on Duty date (EOD) of your sponsoring employee at the post of assignment at which you are applying for an EPAP position?
	Note: Applicants must be at post or arriving at post within six months that precede the date the EPAP position is scheduled to become available but no later than December 31, 2019.
	We are currently at post
	My sponsoring employee's EOD is in the Spring (April – May) 2019 My sponsoring employee's EOD is in the Summer (June – August) 2019
	My sponsoring employee's EOD is in the Fall (September–November) 2019
	My sponsoring employee's EOD is in December 2019

Question 17 addresses the Entry on Duty date of your sponsoring employee and consequently your availability.

AEFM must either already be at post or arriving at post within six months that precedes the date the EPAP position is scheduled to become available, but no later than December 31, 2019.

*	18	How did you learn about the Expanded Professional Associates Program (EPAP)?
		FLO Website: www.state.gov/flo
		ALDAC/Cable
		Operatment Notice
		FLO Weekly Update
		Post Newsletter
		Post's CLO Coordinator
		Post's HRO
		Global Employment Advisor
		Department of State Regional Bureau Office
		Transition Center/Overseas Briefing Center
		O Facebook post
		LinkedIn post
		Other website (please specify)
		Friend or relative working for Department of State
		O Poster/Flyer/Handout
		Other
*	19	If you chose "Other website" or "Other" above, please specify:
		250 characters left (maximum 250)
*	20	Please provide an alternate email address (i.e., different from the email address provided on your USAJOBS resume).
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		100 characters left (maximum 100)
*	21	For applicant response: If I am selected for an EPAP position, I commit to serve in the position for a minimum of one year. I also commit to complete
		the functional training for my EPAP position within the first year of my employment in my EPAP position, in coordination with my current or future
		supervisor. I acknowledge that requests for leave must be submitted to my supervisor for approval and that any requests for leave without pay for
		periods longer than 80 hours must be submitted to the regional bureau for approval. (You must complete this section.)
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		Please choose one response:
		I have read and commit to and acknowledge the above statements.
		I do not commit to and acknowledge the above statements.
*	22	Do you certify that all of the information provided in this application is true, correct, complete and made in good faith?
		Yes
		○ No
I	mportan	at: All the information you provide may be verified by a review of the work experience and/or education as shown on your application form, by checking references
а	nd throug	ph other means, such as the interview process. Any exaggeration of your experience, false statements, or attempts to conceal information may be grounds for not
h	iring you,	or for firing you after you begin work.
P	REVIOUS	NEXT NEXT

5. Select one or several EPAP positions



Below are some examples of what the sub-branched questions/positions will look like.

EUR/IO Professional Associate Positions 16.1 * Positions are regional and require frequent travel * USNATO: U.S. Mission to NATO **RSC: Regional Support Center ***USEU: U.S. Mission to the European Union ****USUN: U.S. Mission to the United Nations +This position is for remote Luxembourg support and not for Brussels Public Affairs support. ++ IO positions (Check all that apply) Ankara - FP-05/06 - Information Management - Now-May 2019 - English 3/3 - Top Secret Athens - FP-04/05/06 - Economic - June-Aug. 2019 - English 4/4 - Top Secret Athens - FP-04 - Facility Manager - June-Aug. 2019 - English 4/4 - Top Secret ☐ Baku - FP-04/05/06 - Public Diplomacy - Now-May 2019 - English 4/4 - Public Trust ☐ Belgrade - FP-04/05 - Human Resources - Now-May 2019 - English 4/4 - Top Secret ☐ Belgrade - FP-04/05/06 - Political - June-Aug. 2019 - English 4/4 - Secret ☐ Berlin - FP-04/05 - General Services - Now-May 2019 - English 3/3 - Top Secret ☐ Berlin - FP-04/05 - Human Resources - June-Aug. 2019 - English 3/3 - Top Secret

As stated in the first paragraph **EPAP**: How to Apply:

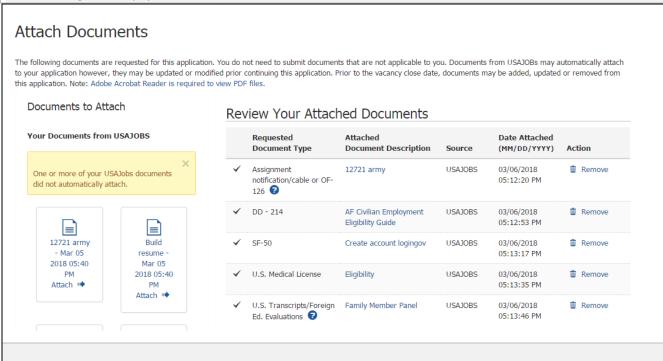
Conditions to Apply for Positions Appointment Eligible Family Members (AEFMs) who would like to be considered for one or more positions are required to submit only **one application**.

They must either already be at post or arriving at post within six months that precedes the date the EPAP position is scheduled to become available, but no later than December 31, 2019.

If the selected position includes more than one possible grade, the grade offered will be the highest that is justified by the candidate's education and professional or specialized experience at the time the offer is made.

6. Attach your documents to your application

Upload the required documents (see the vacancy announcement and the Checklist posted on www.state.gov/flo/epap for details)



You may transfer documents from your USAJOBS account or upload documents from your computer. **Faxed documents will** <u>not </u>be accepted.

Select and click any document you want to attach to your application file.

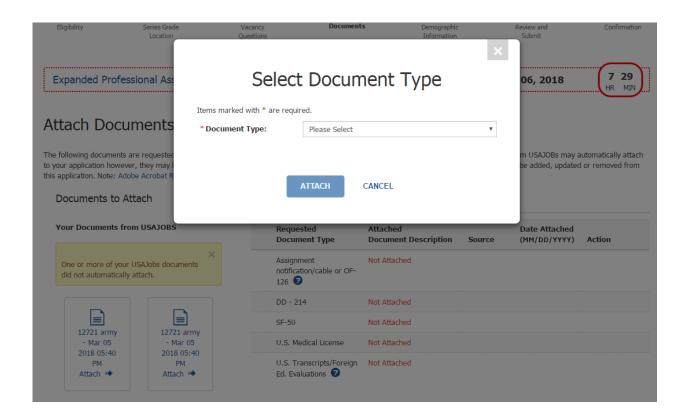
VERY IMPORTANT: make sure you have previously uploaded all your documents under your USAJOBS document tab.

USAJOBS only allows one document per document type/category. You need to scan/merge your documents into one single document for each document type/ category you need to fill.

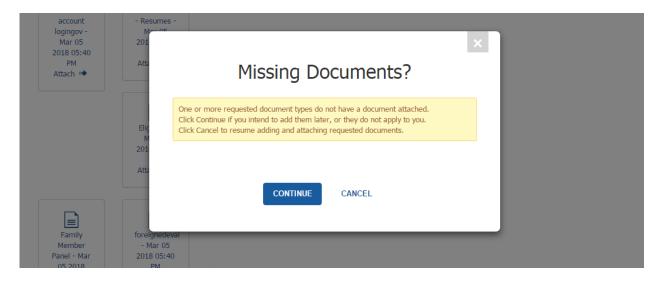
Those categories listed in the Checklist document are:

- o Assignment Notification / Cable / OF-126
- o U.S. Transcripts / Foreign Education Evaluation
- SF-50s (Notice of Personnel Action)
- DD-214 (Veterans Designation)
- o JF-57 (Evaluation)
- U.S. Medical Certification.

If you upload an additional document after another into the same category, **the last uploaded document will overwrite the previous one.** Therefore, to include an additional document (e.g., one that is currently stored on your computer, but not in USAJOBS), you will need to scan/merge them into one single document for each document type/category.

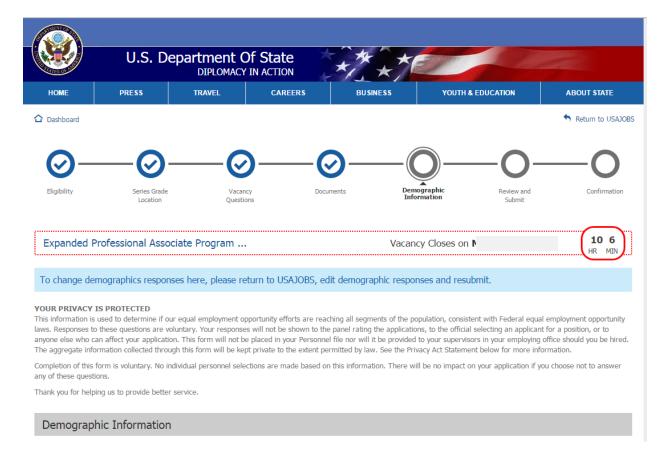


If you do not attach your documents, you will get the following message:



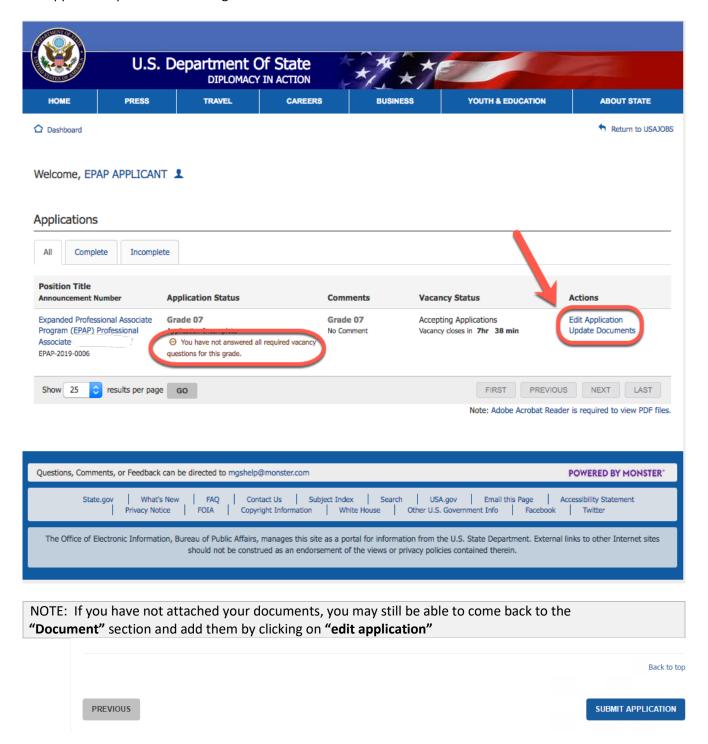
7. Answer demographic questions (optional)

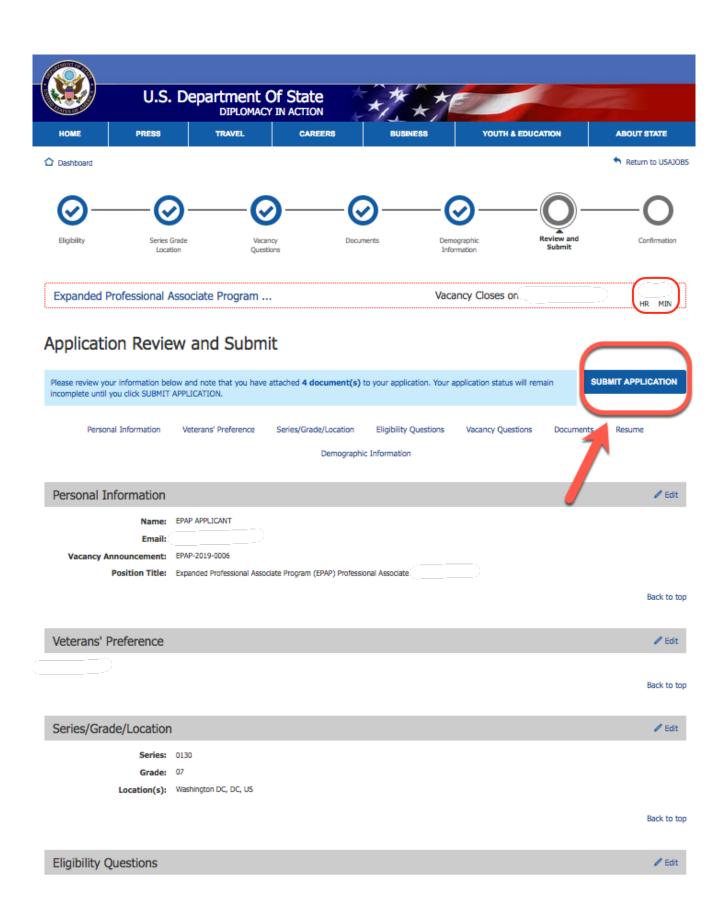
The last section of the application includes demographic information that may be pre-populated by your responses in the profile section under USAJOBS.gov.

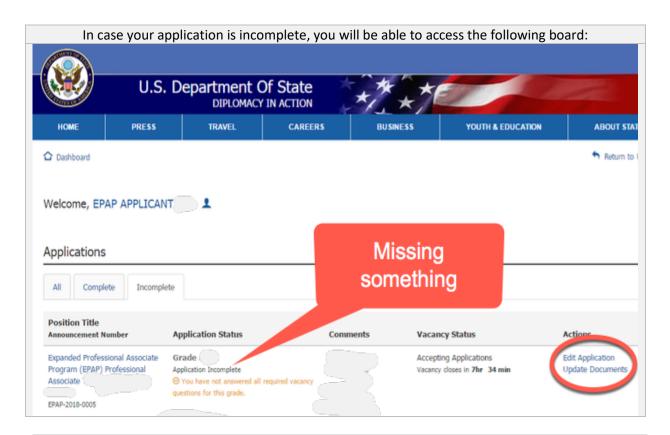


8. Review, submit and check your application status

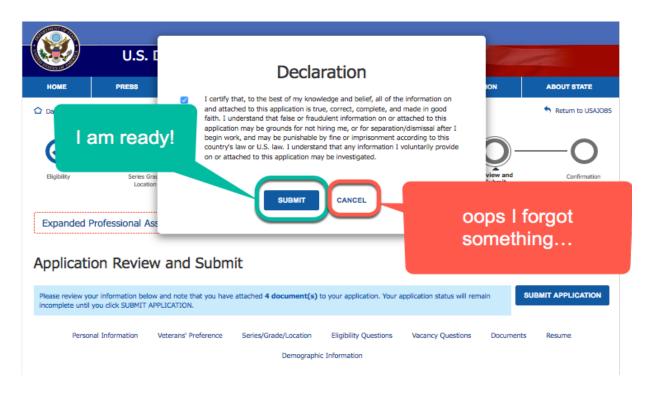
Verify that you have answered all of the questions and attached all required documents to your application prior to the closing date.







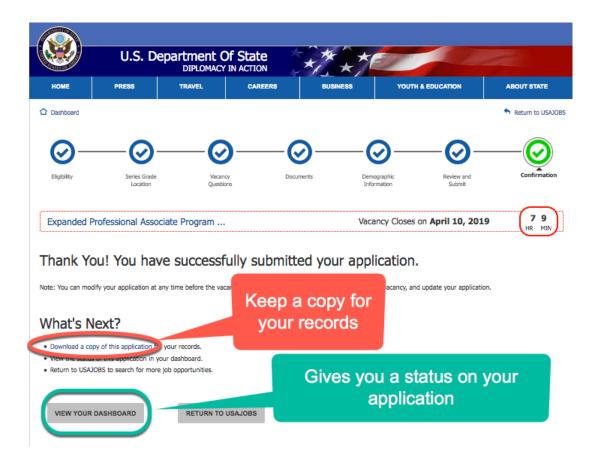
If you wish to make any changes to your responses or documents, you can do so by going back into the application and follow the prompts to review your submitted application **before the closing** date of the announcement (April 28th, 2019, ET 11:59 p.m.)



Click the "Submit Application" button to complete your application.

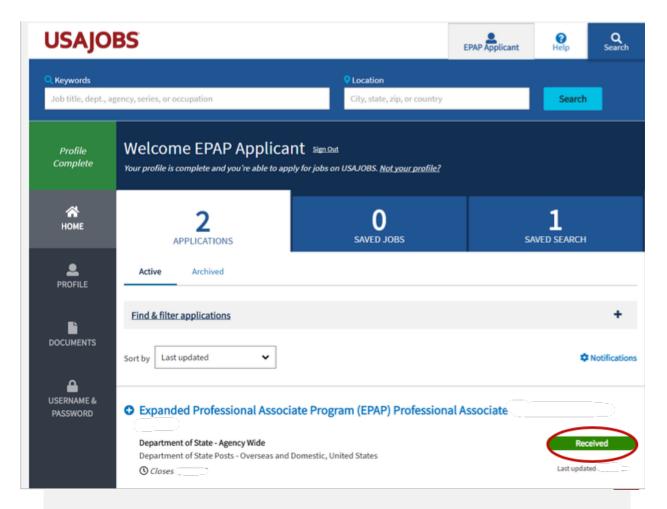
9. Check your dashboard

Know the status of your application



You must complete and submit all required supporting documentation by the closing date of the vacancy announcement, **April 28th, 2019 ET 11:59 p.m.**

Applications received without required documents will be deemed ineligible. Applications and documents cannot be submitted after the deadline.



If you return to your USAJOBS account, you will be able to check whether your application was received.

- By clicking on the application name, you will be able to return to the application and update it as long as the vacancy is open.
- If you wish to withdraw your application, you may click on "withdraw" and will see the following window:



Before the closing date of the announcement

- Login to your USAJOBS account.
- Click on the "Applications" tab and locate the position.
- Under the "Application Status" column click on the "more information" hyperlink.
- You will then be transferred to the "Gateway to State" application detail screen.
- Under the "Vacancy Status" column it will show you the status of the vacancy announcement (e.g.,
 if your application was received, whether the job was cancelled, if the vacancy was filled, etc.);
- Under the "Application Status" column it will show you the status of your application (e.g., incomplete application, not qualified - lacks specialized experience, not eligible, referred for consideration, selected, etc.).
- Click the "Return to USAJOBS" radio button to return back to USAJOBS.

If the status of your application states: **Application Status Not Available**, be sure to follow the steps above and confirm that your application was completed in the Gateway to State site.

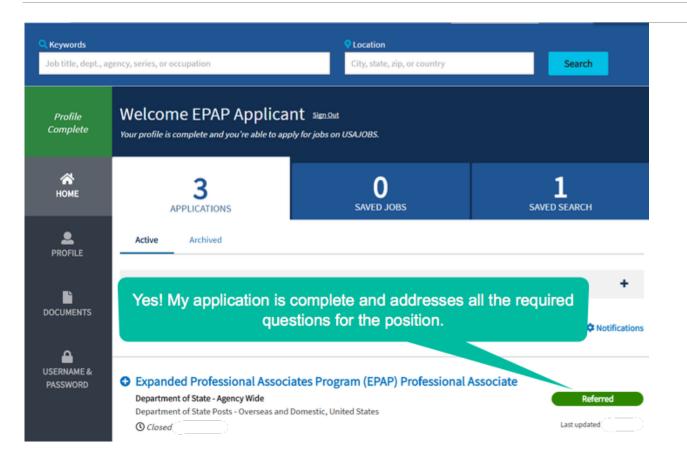
If you have confirmed that your application is complete in the Gateway to State site, click the update application button and your status should be updated to **Application Received**. If the status does not change, contact the Monster Help Desk at mgshelp@monster.com or (866) 656-6830 or (703) 269-4944 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

If your application shows as **Incomplete**, refresh your application by reviewing your application, and submit. It would then resync your USAJobs account to the Monster application site.

Please note that you may only do this when the vacancy is still open. Once the vacancy closes, you will need to contact FLoAskEPAP@state.gov to check on the status of your application.

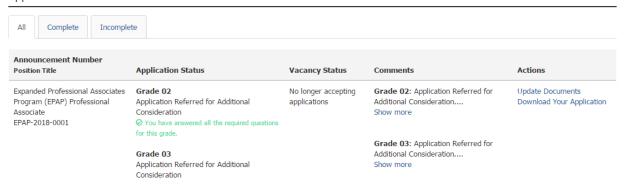
- You should allow at least three to four hours to complete your application package and are encouraged not to wait until the deadline to submit your application.
- For any technical problem encountered with the USAJOBS site, please contact the Help Desk at mgshelp@monster.com or (866) 656-6830 or (703) 269-4944 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Eastern Time.
- For general information, please see FLO's website: www.state.gov/flo/epap or contact FLOAskEPAP@state.gov.

10. Additional screen shots



Welcome, EPAP APPLICANT FLO 1

Applications



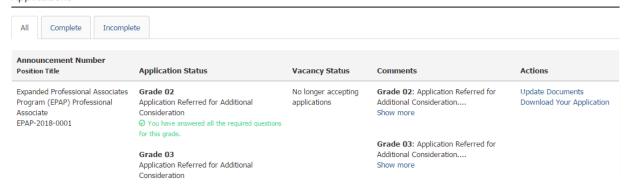


10. Save a copy of your application



You may save a copy of your application by clicking on "Download your Application" under the column Actions even if the vacancy is closed. Such document will show your answers and the description of the documents you will have submitted to the Gateway to State. See below screen shots.

Applications



This is what your saved application will look like:

